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Steamers.	Destinations.	Sailing Dates.
* KINSHU MARU, F. J. RUYCH.	SEATTLE, Wash., U.S.A. Via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 8th Nov., at 4 p.m.

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Steamers.	Destination.	Sailing Date.	
* S. FAEELSBERG Capt. FRANK.	HAYNE and HAMBURG.	9th November, at Daylight.	Freight & Passage.
* S. ANDALUSIA Capt. BUCHHEITEL.	LONDON, HAMBURG & ANTWERP.	About 11th November.	Freight.
* S. STOLBERG Capt. FROBERG.	HAYNE and HAMBURG.	About 17th November.	Freight & Passage.
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The Sanitary Board meets to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. The business is formal.

The public auction of sundry naval and victualling, obsolete and condemned stores, advertised to take place to-day at H.M. Naval Yard, has been postponed till to-morrow at noon.

A decoration is stated to have been forwarded by the Emperor of China to the Emperor of Japan, and Mr. Yano, it is stated, is conveying a decoration from the Emperor of Japan to the Emperor of China.

The recent disturbance at Canton has been grossly exaggerated by some of the Shanghai newspapers, notably *L'Echo de Chine*, which stated that the foreign residents on the Shamoon had sent their wives and families to Hongkong and Macao for safety.

Professor A. G. Bell, inventor of the telephone, had an audience with the Emperor of Japan on the 22nd October. He was presented by the U.S. Minister. The International Association of Journalists in Japan is to entertain Mr. Bell to dinner on Sunday, the 6th inst.

Among the arrivals by the *Empress of India* yesterday was the Rev. Alex. Connell, M.A., B.D., of Regent Square Presbyterian Church, London. Mr. Connell is the Conventor of the Foreign Missions Committee of the English Presbyterian Church, and is sent out to visit the mission centres under his control, in China and India. Regent Square is one of the largest and best-known churches in London, and Mr. Connell one of the most popular of the younger preachers in the metropolis. We understand that he is to preach in Union Church on Sunday morning.

A JAPAN paper publishes the absurd story that previous to his departure from Hongkong, Hong Yau-wei paid over a million dollars to the British Government for the protection which had been afforded him. This was stated as having been communicated to a press correspondent from a reliable source in Hongkong. Hong as a matter of fact had not ten dollars to hand over to anybody. He is indebted to the generosity of Mr. Ho Tung for his ability to travel to Japan. Mr. Ho Tung has extended his kindness to Hong's wife, mother, and family.

The total amount drawn at yesterday's Sale of Work on behalf of the Baxter Mission was \$1592. The following were the stallholders:—

Refreshment Stall—Mrs Jackson, Misses Jackson and Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. Hagan, Mrs. Hume and Mrs. Joffroy. Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Drury.

Lady Carrington, Miss Carrington and Mrs. Ormsby.

Mrs. Master and Miss Hagelund and Miss Hammer.

Mrs. Playfair, Mrs. Ramsey and Mrs. Longhome.

Mrs. Thomson, Miss Anderson and Miss Bain.

Mrs. Rowlandson, Mrs. Houghton and Mrs. Gwynne.

Mrs. Henselker, Miss Healdberg and Miss Hermann.

Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Seth and Miss Wallaco.

Mrs. Bull-Brine, Mrs. Duffin and Mrs. Bagnall-Irving.

Mrs. Tomes, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Buttarshaw.

Arrive the Performance—Charles: 'Why will you girls sing so?'—Blanche: 'It's only a matter of form!'

THE other day a barrel of treacle fell off a lorry in a busy street. The pool of treacle was immediately surrounded by hordes of youngsters. But the unsympathetic policeman held them back. At last a bright idea struck one of the boys. He shoved his neighbour into the mess. Then, with the victim, the multitude retired, and licked him clean. How doth the busy little boy—&c.

We understand (says the *Shanghai Mercury*) that the recent attempt to float a new local fire office under the title of The Shanghai Fire Insurance Co., Limited has failed through owing to want of sufficient support. In view of the unusually large number of fires that have broken out in the Settlements during the past few months and of the fact that the recent experience of many of the offices represented here is known to have been unfavourable, the moment selected by the promoters of the new enterprise was anything but opportune, and we are not surprised at the result.

It is reported from Tientsin that a body of troops, belonging to the turbulent Kansu corps of General Tung Fu-shang, while travelling by the Tientsin-Shanhai-kwan Railway to the vicinity of Peking, attacked some foreign employees of the railway on the same train. Brickbats were used by the 'braves' and some of the foreigners were injured and had to return to Tientsin. The troops then became so outrageous that the native authorities in the vicinity had considerable difficulty in restoring order.—*N. O. Daily News.*

A new process for the extraction of gold has been tried with success in the gold districts of New Zealand. The finely powdered auriferous ore is first mixed with common salt and sulphuric acid, and potassium permanganate is then added in solution. Hydrochloric acid is formed by the action of the sulphuric acid on the salt, and from this chlorine is liberated by the permanganate. The chlorine then combines in the nascent state with the gold, forming soluble gold chloride. The new method is said to have many advantages over the cyanide and amalgamation processes. The chemicals used are harmless, non-pollutious, and cheap, and the extraction of gold from the ore is nearly complete. A particular advantage lies in the fact that the process can be applied to ore containing copper, for which the cyanide process cannot be used. A gold mine at Mount Morgan, New Queensland, obtained by the permanganate process 90 per cent of the gold present from ore yielding only 10 per cent by the cyanide process. The new process also yields a purer gold, and the waste liquor is easily treated.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

London, 31st October, 1898.

THE SITUATION.

It is stated that it has been decided to form a strong Emergency Squadron, to meet at Plymouth, and make an important naval demonstration.

ARRIVAL OF THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS OF GERMANY AT JERUSALEM.

The Emperor William and the Empress of Germany entered Jerusalem on Saturday. The entry was a brilliant spectacle and troops lined the crowded route.

THE FASHODA INCIDENT.

Major Marchand awaits instructions at Cairo.

THE SITUATION.

The formation of an Emergency Squadron is confirmed. There is extraordinary activity at both the naval and military centres in Pall Mall, and the mobilization of the British and Volunteer has been decided upon.

THE COLLISION IN THE INLAND SEA.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Nagasaki, October 27. At 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening a collision occurred near Tadotsu in the Inland Sea between the *Kinsu-maru* and the *Myogun-maru*. The *Kinsu-maru* was not seriously damaged, but the *Myogun-maru* sank almost immediately. The Captain, the officers, and thirty-six of the crew were saved, and also eighty-eight passengers. Sixty-eight persons are missing.—*Nagasaki Daily Press.*

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 2nd at 11.25 a. The barometer has fallen on the China coast, particularly on the K. coast. Pressure remains high over N. China, and low in an area lying between the N. E. part of the China Sea and the coast in the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast: moderate N. winds; cloudy, rainy.

PUNJON MINING CO., LIMITED.

The Secretary of the Punjon Mining Company, Limited, advises us that he has received the following telegram giving the result of the October clean-up:—

The Mill ran 23 days, crushing 3,200 tons, yielding 234 ozs. of melted gold. The Cyanide Plant worked 30 days, producing a bullion of an estimated value of \$105 Sterling. The Mines are valuable, prospects requiring development.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

Congress are steady.

SHANGHAI RACES.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

The following are the results to hand before we went to press:—

JOCKEY CLUB.

Equinox, 1. 2. 3.

CRUTCHER STAKES.

The *Orchard*, 1. 2. 3.

MAJOR PLATE.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

MAJOR PLATE—Half-mile.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

CLUB CUP—Two miles.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

LOTTERY STAKES—Mile and a half.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

AVON CUP—1½ mile.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

WINDSOR STAKES—1½ mile.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

FAIR WIND CUP—One mile.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

NORTHERN CUP—1 mile.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

SHANGHAI LEADER—1½ mile.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

SHANGHAI STAKES—One mile.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

PAODIA CUP—One mile.

Albion, 1. 2. 3.

APPROXIMATE REMARKS ON THE BUSINESS VALUE OF MONEY.

It may be said that, in the last half century, the value of money has fallen. But this is not true. The value of money has risen. The value of money is measured by the amount of goods it can buy. In the last half century, the amount of goods that money can buy has increased. This is because the value of money has risen. The value of money is measured by the amount of goods it can buy. In the last half century, the amount of goods that money can buy has increased. This is because the value of money has risen.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

MOVEMENTS OF FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR.

HONGKONG, November 2.

On the 27th of October, the following British warships were in Nagasaki Harbour:—*Victoria*, *Harrier* and *Albatross*. All had arrived from Weihaiwei, and it was reported that the *Victoria* was to leave on the following day for Weihaiwei. The *Harrier* arrived at Nagasaki from Weihaiwei on the 19th of October, and returned on the 26th to that port.

The Russian gunboat *Ostrovny* and the German cruiser *Irene* have both been lying at Nagasaki for about two months; but it was reported that the *Irene* was to sail at the end of October for another port not named. The Russian cruiser *Rosita* had been expected in Nagasaki for several days.

There is considerable movement among the Japanese war-vessels, and the Japanese naval authorities have just concluded a strict inspection of the various ships and naval stations.

The French cruiser *Jean Bart* is reported to be at Taku, in the Gulf of Poohli.

The French cruiser *Desaix* left Nagasaki for Taku on the 18th October.

The storeship *Humber* is expected shortly in Hongkong. She will load stores and ammunition as quickly as possible, and leave for the North to meet the fleet.

A VOLUNTEER STANDING ARMY.

A SPEECH BY LORD ROBERTS.

The general opinion of the British people, so far as we are able to glean it from telegrams and newspapers, appears to be favourable to the policy now adopted by the British Government. In Hongkong, unqualified approval is expressed over the warlike demonstration that is being made throughout the Empire. Up to the present, the reiterated declarations of Cabinet Ministers to the effect that England would protect her commercial interests even to the point of war, without acting up to the east and in the N. part of the China Sea, somewhat ridiculous in the eyes of the foreigner, who had begun to believe that British ministerial statements were not worth taking seriously. Great Britain is not a military nation. It is slow to wrath. It is not likely to emulate the French disaster of '70. But from the preparations that are now being made, it is evident that our Ministers mean business—somewhere. As we have said already, France and Fashoda may not be the principal cause of these preparations. Russia played a false in North China. Lord Salisbury is determined—at least, he formerly hope he is—to stand firm to his declared policy and to resist all further encroachments on the part of his subtle antagonists. France may be a menace to our shores, but the feeling is gradually growing stronger among those who are watching closely the development of the political situation that it is Russia rather than France which is the cause of all this change and clamour and bustle of war.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE IN CHINA.

(From Japanese Papers.)

Tokyo, October 24.

According to the latest information, the British Government takes a very moderate attitude regarding the political change in China, which it regards as more of an accident than a deeply laid plot against the principle of reform. The British Government does not credit the report that Russia is pulling the wires, and believes that, as soon as the present excitement subsides, the movement for reform will still proceed. Great Britain's motive in stationing marines in Peking is to thwart the ambition of other Powers. Japan sympathizes with the view taken by Great Britain.

THE EMPEROR OF CHINA.

HIS LATEST PHASE.

Shanghai, Oct. 27.

Yesterday's *Echo de Chine* states that he has received a very important letter, dated the 22nd inst., from Peking, giving the details of the visit of Dr. Dethlefsen and M. Visiere to the Emperor. We translate this letter as follows:—

It is extremely difficult to get precise information on the subject of the interview on the 18th between M. Visiere and Dr. Dethlefsen on the one part and their Majesties the Emperor-Dowager and the Emperor on the other.

The Emperor had in front of her a table with a yellow cloth. She had the ordinary Tartar head-dress with some precious stones and pendants of coral, and wore an embroidered plum coloured robe.

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After having saluted the Emperor, the visitors, accompanied by Prince Ching, approached the Emperor, and Dr. Dethlefsen proceeded to a complete examination of his Majesty.

It is impossible for us to give the details of a conversation of the results. All that we can say is that the Emperor's Majesty presents no immediate danger, and that he suffers chiefly from anæmia.

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This letter is interesting as far as it goes, but it really tells us nothing we did not know before. The close watch which the Emperor-Dowager kept on Dr. Dethlefsen's movements is quite intelligible, but after all it is impossible to be certain that it was the Emperor whom Dr. Dethlefsen saw. If there are one or more doubles of the Emperor in the palace, they would naturally be sufficiently like him even to deceive M. de Visiere, who has only been previously at a distance seated on a dais in all the immovability of Chinese etiquette demands.—*N. O. Daily News.*

the whole containing 37,624 officers and men, with 11,947 horses and mules; 149 battalions of infantry, with 147,417 officers and men, and 718 horses and mules. Total, 211,687 officers and men, 25,924 horses and mules, and 718 field guns.

The Colonial Corps consists of 5,764 officers and men. The Departmental Corps (Army Service, Medical Staff, Ordnance, and Pay) consist of 69 companies, with 8,426 officers and men, and 1,311 horses and mules.

The Auxiliary forces comprising the Honourable Artillery Company, the Militia, the Yeomanry, Cavalry, and the Volunteers.

The Honourable Artillery Company (horse and field artillery and infantry) consists of 899 officers and men, with 182 horses and 8 field guns.

The Militia consists of 32 regiments of artillery, 14 companies of engineers, 126 battalions of infantry, and 6 companies Medical Staff, with 129,732 officers and men. The Channel Islands provide 3 batteries of artillery and 7 battalions of infantry, with 3,996 officers and men. The Royal Malta Militia consists of 1,695 officers and men.

The Yeomanry cavalry consists of 11,891 officers and men.

The Volunteers consist of 2 regiments of light horse (204 officers and men), 12 batteries of artillery (47,734 officers and men), 22 battalions of engineers (15,043 officers and men), 212 battalions of rifles (167,999 officers and men), and 14 companies of medical staff (1,488 officers and men), and the Bermuda Rifles (219 officers and men).

Altogether, therefore, Great Britain has, approximately for their part, must be among the Volunteers many ought to serve in the field, upon 607,333 officers and men in her land forces.

No account is here taken of the army and militia reserves, which must now talk largely in the calculations of the author's idea.

The active list of the navy shows, in 1897, 33,750 officers, seamen, boys, coast-guard and Royal Marines.

Next to the Mediterranean and Channel Squadrons, the China Squadron is the strongest numerically and in weight, and, if necessary, this squadron could be readily reinforced.

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THE CALL TO ARMS.

It has been decided to mobilize the Militia and Volunteers.—*Vide Reuters' Telegram.*

Though a million fees should threaten, yet we feel no cause for fear. For Britain's sons are ready when there's a call to arms, and on our own home, in manhood's prime, and strong. Are raising now the battle-cry, our own victorious song.

And from the bare ends of the earth, wherever men may be, Come hastening, shouting: 'We'll fight; we're one with thee!'

Our standing army may be small, as modern counting runs. But then we have our Volunteers and our Colonial Sons.

The cry 'To arms, the Volunteers,' echoes far and wide. And the great heart of the nation palpitates with love and pride.

For these are ours, all of them—the youngest and the best; They have of manhood's sturdy strength that never knows unrest.

The darlings of our households and the nation's prop and stay. Now, let who will oppose us, we can fight the fight to-day.

Proclaim the news throughout the world, of our heart and soul, and we, our Army, Navy, Volunteers, will keep Old England free.

And not, alone, in England, will our Volunteers stand fast. Our brave Colonial sons will hail their colours to the mast.

From ice-bound Canada the cry arises: 'We are here.' To share our Mother's burdens, be there night of danger near.

And the bronzed Australian Squatter takes his rifle and his horse. And joins the hearty legion of the Greater England's force.

In Africa, the miner forgets the diamond's gleam. Or the gold-famed Johannesburg, and joins the warlike train.

In India, the Rajahs press their troops into the fray. And the Volunteers, rejoicing, long to up and do away.

And even in distant Singapore, young voices, true and strong. Take up the cry 'To arms,' and grandly rolls the second band.

In Hongkong, we have not said much, but we are ready, too. And willing as the others to do all that men can do.

And should the note of battle sound, 'till find us at our posts. 'Tho' but an atom in the count of the contesting hosts.

We are not enforced to fight, and this conscription is not ours. We are not dragged to battle like the soldiers of the Powers.

We fight because we will not see the British flag torn down. For health and home and liberty, for conscience, God and crown.

Let the serf-led Russian masses, or the French—compelled to fight—Come on, we'll show them England yet has not lost all her might.

They count our army worthless, flout it with gibes and jeers. But, by the Lord, they never thought about our Volunteers.

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FRANCE'S PROSPECTS IN A WAR WITH ENGLAND.

That the French authorities fear some revolution as an outcome of the prevailing unrest is evident from the order to arrest the Duke of Orleans should he cross the frontier. It is precisely under such conditions as these that war is likely to break out over some trifles. War turns the attention of the nation away from internal troubles; if it is crowned with victory the Government is covered with glory and gets a fresh lease of power; if it fails there is a downfall of course; but when that is imminent any way Governments are apt to grasp at war as the only possible mode of salvation for themselves.

A BATTLE IN AMERICA.

OMPHREUS ECLIPSED.—BRAVERY OF THE NEWSPAPER CORRESPONDENTS.

Canadian newspapers to hand by the *Empress of India* give bloodthirsty descriptions of 'the terrible battle' that occurred thirty miles from Walker, near Bear Island in Minnesota. The description is worthy of an era-making battle like that of Omdurman, and the reader is chagrined to learn, after wading through yards of descriptive matter, that the affair was a mere skirmish between 100 regulars (commanded by a General) and, at the highest computation, 175 or 179 Indians. The noisy with which the Indians are computed reminds one of the accuracy with which some people on the American side could tell the Spanish loss in the equally 'terrible' battles fought on the outskirts of Manila, a few weeks ago!

Of course, in this Indian affair, the newspaper correspondents were prodigies of valour. Drill and Benign, we are told, fought bravely with revolvers. Two soldiers engaged belonged to Company F, 3rd U.S. Infantry. Without doubt it must have been a hot little skirmish. The exaggeration of the newspaper correspondents cannot hide the fact. Major Melville Wilkins was killed, Sergeant William Butler, and Privates Edward Lowe, John Olmgast, John Swallenstocker, and Alfred Sewell.

The following is characteristic:—'The wounded number 17, all of whom are more or less seriously wounded. General Bacon is unhurt, and all the newspaper correspondents have been accounted for, and uninjured, though they were at one time under the same fire which thinned the ranks of the troops.' It is satisfactory to know that the correspondents 'saved their bacon.' At first the sensational reports of the skirmish alarmed the good people of Minnesota. No thing would satisfy them but to despatch the 11th Minnesota Volunteers to whip the Indians. At no time, be it understood, has the American citizen much faith in the regular soldier. Uncle Sam's strength lies in the Volunteers—and very good men they would make if there was time to train them for 'real fighting.'

It is—therefore, easy to understand the disgust with which the orders of the Central Government not to send the Volunteers was received at Minneapolis. The Minnesotans are filled with military ardour just now. They thirst for gore. They are anxious to emulate the regiment now serving in Manila. Governor Clough has 'got up his dander.' The Government may go to blazes; Mr. Governor Clough has no further use for it. Here is the latest bulletin from Minneapolis:—

Minneapolis, Oct. 3.—The Government has notified Governor Clough that it has revoked the order putting the companies of the 11th Minnesota Volunteers at Duluth and at St. Paul under his orders. He had all preparations made to send the Duluth companies to the front at once, to protect the settlers, and was arranging to mobilize the remaining companies at St. Paul. He supposed that the revocation is due to General Bacon's message, saying that the trouble was over and that there was no danger. The Governor added: 'I shall pay no more attention to the War Department. If necessary, I will issue a call for volunteers, arm them with shot guns as I can pick up and let the Government go to the devil. I am tired of doing business with Washington. There is too much red tape about it. Orders are issued one minute and revoked the next. I am not an anarchist, but it is the sole thing to be proposed. It will reassure the settlers and perhaps prevent an outbreak.'

Since writing the above, we learn from later exchanges that no less than 19 young bucks composed the force which engaged General Bacon's command, near Bear Island. Gay-She Owen Ay-Yosh, or as the English version would be, 'Strong Voice of the Wind,' was the leader, and directed the plan of battle.

Considering the smallness of their numbers, it is difficult to account for the heavy loss on the military side, but not so difficult to account for the bravery of Brill and Benton!

RUSSIAN RIFLES FOR THE CHINESE ARMY.

An official notification from the Tientsin Legation to the Viceroy of Liang-kuang reports that sometime ago the Director-General of the Russo-Chinese Bank under instructions from the Russian Government asked the Chinese Government to purchase 500

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